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USE DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE
Our Reference No.: 23660-00623

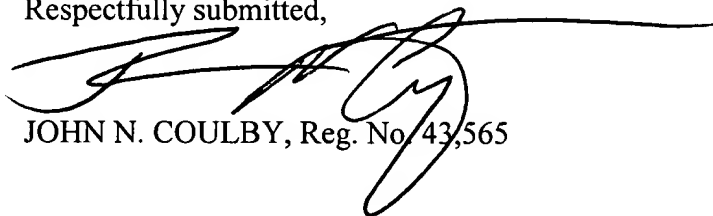
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Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, having a response due by October 23, 2003.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 4 of this paper.